

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 24 has been added. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-15, 17 and 19-24 are pending and under consideration.


As discussed in the Amendment filed on October 3, 2003 (copy enclosed), it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If there are any questions, such questions can be addressed by telephone to the undersigned.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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